

Medway June 8 1775

Whereas I the Subscriber having been entertained with a free & plain Conversation, by the Comm<sup>t</sup>. of Correspondence & the Selectmen of this Town Relative to Some Suspicions & Jealousies of my being unfriendly, & inimical to the just rights & Liberties of America & the Constitution of the Province, & Whereas being well sensible, that by <sup>Some former</sup> Conversation & Conduct, I have given just cause for the sd Suspicions, & that being, sensible I cannot enjoy Happiness in Society without a Charitable Opin<sup>n</sup> of the People Among whom I live, Therefore that the sd Jealousies may be removed & that the Charitable Opinion of my Neighbours & Acquaintance may be sacrificed toward me in that respect, Do now in this manner freely & sincerely manifest my Sentiments & Resolutions in the following manner

That, as to the Authority of the British Parliament for passing Acts Binding in all Cases whatsoever in America, is, as I apprehend unconstitutional.

That as to the late Acts of the British Parliament for Blocking the Harbour of Boston, & Altering the Civil Constitution of the Province, &c are as I apprehend, very grievous unjustifiable Acts, & that no Obedience Ought to be yielded or forced thereunto

And Although I cannot see any reason or Justice in any of the Protests Actions in the late unhappy Times, yet I sincerely Declare that I am free & willing to exert myself in every just Constitutional way for the Recovery & Preservation of the rights Liberties & Constitution Afore<sup>s</sup>, & that for the future I am Determined, to Adhere Strictly to the Advices of the Continental & Provincial Congresses.

& that I will do nothing whatsoever directly or indirectly to obstruct or defeat in any wise, The plan & measures Adapted by Congress for the Purposes of recovering & Preserving the right Liberties & Constitution Afore<sup>s</sup>

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Witness my hand

Eliza Adams